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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT-ELECTION OF SPECIES**Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005. Claims are pending.

Claims were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. specie I (figures 1-3);
- II. specie II (figure 4);
- III. specie III (figure 5); and
- IV. specie IV (figures 7A-7B)

Applicants provisionally elect the claims of specie 1.

The claims which read on the elected species are: 1-16. Claim 1 is generic to the elected species.

The requirement for election of species is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. It is felt that a search of the classes appropriate to the elected species and claims 1-16